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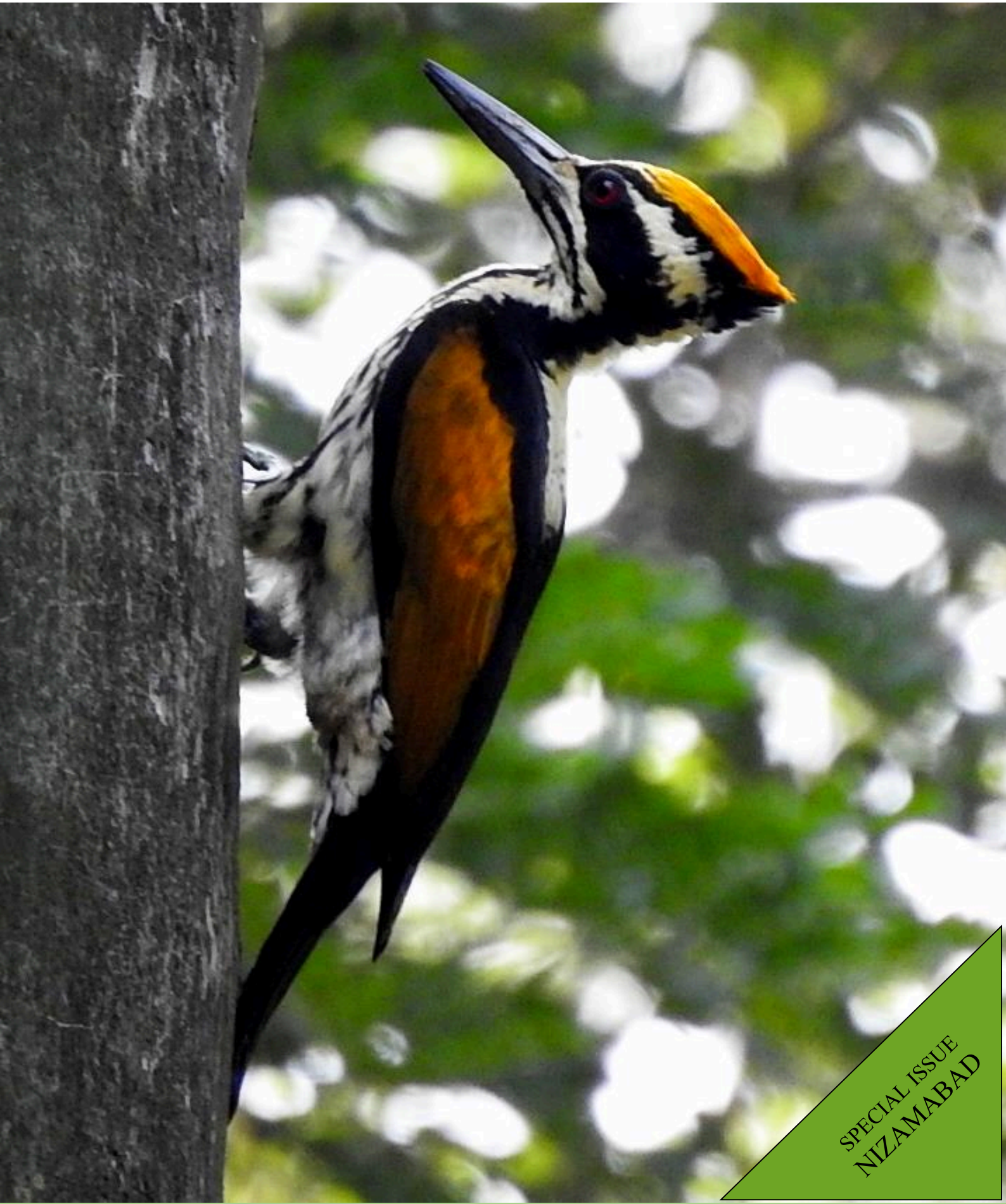

SPECIAL ISSUE
NIZAMABAD

Editor's note

Our member, Mohd Adnan Uddin, has been documenting birds and other wildlife of Nizamabad District, Telangana, over the past more than two years. He had earlier submitted a report covering his observations in June and July 2020, which was featured in the Pitta September 2020 issue. In this Special Issue of the Pitta, we bring you a report covering the period from August 2020 to July 2022, along with a large number of colourful photographs. We hope you will find this Special Issue interesting.

BIRDING IN BODHAN & BEYOND

Report: Observations on Biodiversity of Nizamabad District, August 2020 - July 2022

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Scaly-breasted Munia flock at Bodhan

During the COVID-19 pandemic, working from home became the norm for many organisations and businesses, and the education sector was no exception. As an educator, my work also moved to virtual mode. So I moved from Hyderabad to my hometown Bodhan in Nizamabad District, Telangana and, having the flexibility and time, started exploring the place.

The initial months of birding resulted in spectacular findings of the rich biodiversity in the small town, about which I had written a detailed report in the Pitta September 2020 issue. I am writing this report as a follow-up for the period between August 2020 and July 2022. Since it is difficult to write a detailed account of two years of birding in one go, I will only share some of the key findings in this report.

Tussar Moth

After spotting 108 resident species during my monsoon birding in 2020, I was eagerly waiting for the migrants to arrive. Much of my initial birding was confined to my hometown Bodhan, respecting the COVID-19 guidelines. Later as the pandemic situation eased, I slowly started travelling to nearby towns and villages. Every visit of mine resulted again in surprising findings of the rich flora and fauna in this rural hinterland.

Among the resident species in Bodhan, I finally found some shrikes which I had been trying to locate for months.

Brown Shrike

Long-tailed Shrike

A cousin had informed me about the presence of many antelopes and deer in Kopperga village, which is around 18km away from Bodhan. Monsoon had changed the landscape completely by then and it became challenging to spot the Blackbuck. With the help of a farmer, I tried to track the animal and finally we managed to find a female Blackbuck near the soyabean crop. There was a Painted Francolin calling from a thicket in the undergrowth while the blackbuck was leaping in the air. Quite an enjoyable moment that was.

Common Moorhen

Woolly-necked Stork

I also spotted a few Common Moorhen which I could not find at Bodhan. I was also looking for storks everywhere and it felt so nice to finally see the Woolly-necked Stork near Kopperga. A lone bird was feeding in a paddy field.

In October 2020, I went to Ali Sagar, a very popular picnic spot, around 18km away from Bodhan. The area has a reservoir, deer park and has a good range of forest. I have very fond childhood memories of Ali Sagar. The place is lush green and has very tall trees. I can never forget my first sighting of Indian Paradise-flycatcher at Ali Sagar during my early days of birding. Watching the flying bird in its white morph felt almost like a scene from paradise. This time, though, I saw a male bird of the rufous morph.

Indian Paradise-flycatcher male

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon

Spotting a flock of Orange-breasted Green Pigeons really pumped me up. The shy birds were foraging quietly and slowly walking along the branches of the tall trees.

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon

At Bodhan, I spotted a flock of Yellow-footed Green Pigeons. Their flight is very fast and direct, and their diet consists mainly of fruits and seeds. This flock remained in Bodhan for several months and I had a great time watching them regularly. It appears the birds migrate locally, as I have not found them throughout the year in the town.

Black-headed Cuckooshrike female

Grey-breasted Prinia

Given the rich habitat, Ali Sagar is home to several resident and migratory bird species. I found White-naped Woodpecker, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Small Minivet, Grey-breasted Prinia, Rufous Treepie, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Black Redstart and Jungle Babbler among others.

Blyth's Reed Warbler

Black Redstart

Jungle Babbler

Indian Bullfrog

On the way to Ali Sagar from Bodhan, there is a village named Jamlam which falls under Yedapalle Mandal. There is a lake at the village which had good numbers of herons and egrets. The locals guided me to a small *kunta* (pond) in the village which had shallow waters and a wetland, ideal for waders and other aquatic birds.

Gadwall

Common Snipe

This place was teeming with great avian populations. There were migratory species numbering in several hundreds, majority of which were Garganey, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall and Wood Sandpiper. The Common Snipe was another highlight. Resident species like Cotton Pygmy-goose and Eurasian Coot were in huge numbers too. I also spotted a lone Red-crested Pochard in the pond.

Eurasian Coot with chick

Cotton Pygmy-goose

As winter approached, the landscapes began transforming again. Several migratory birds started arriving. I spotted big flocks of Red-headed Bunting in Bodhan. These birds feed on the seeds and other plant material on the ground.

Red-headed Bunting

Black-headed Bunting

Siberian Stonechat

Common Rosefinch female

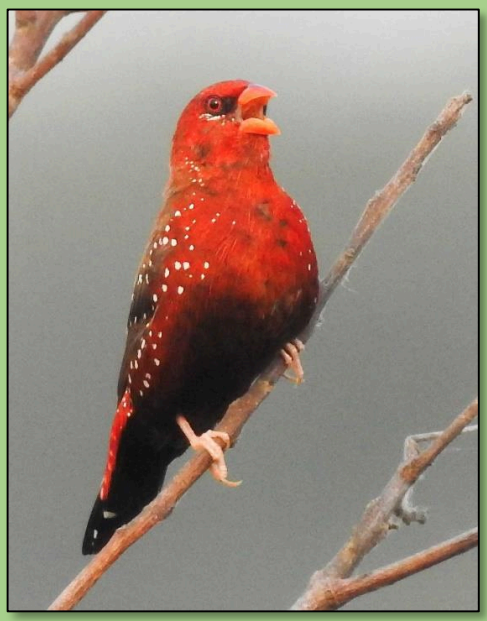
There were a few Black-headed Buntings, Siberian Stonechats and Common Rosefinches as well. Several flocks of Chestnut-tailed and Rosy Starlings also visited the town. They deliver a constant cacophony of chattering calls which is soothing to hear.

Rosy Starling

Chestnut-shouldered Petronia

Indian Silverbill

Chestnut-shouldered Petronias seem to migrate locally. In the winters, I spotted them in big numbers near the paddy fields, feeding on the grains alongside other species like Indian Silverbill, Red Avadavat and Tricoloured Munia.



Red Avadavat male

Red Avadavat female

Tricoloured Munia

Another fascinating aspect of Bodhan is the presence of different types of weavers. I have counted about a thousand Baya Weavers, scores of Streaked Weavers and a few Black-breasted Weavers too.

Streaked Weaver

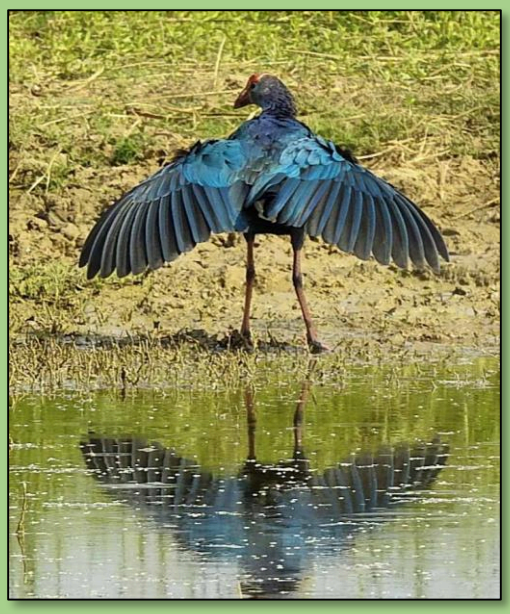
Baya Weaver flock

Black-breasted Weaver

The nesting activity of the weavers peaks in the monsoon, with abundant supply of nesting material in the cultivation and palm trees around. I have spent months documenting the weavers and it always fills me with great delight to be in their company, marvelling at their architectural abilities.

Yellow-wattled Lapwing

In January 2021, I was birding near the lake but this time taking a different route through the fallow fields. I chanced upon a flock of Yellow-wattled Lapwings. There were about ten birds, moving hither and thither due to human presence there. Later they dispersed in groups and started foraging in the fallow fields. I was so happy to have seen them after a long time.



Grey-headed Swamphen

Bellal lake in Bodhan has been filled to the brim since a few years, because of which there has not been much scope for aquatic birds to arrive. Due to excess water hyacinth and other vegetation, there are several Grey-headed Swamphens and Bronze-winged Jacanas in the lake. There are a few Pheasant-tailed Jacana too.

Bronze-winged Jacana

Pheasant-tailed Jacana

Red-crested Pochard

One day I was pleasantly surprised to find a pair of Red-crested Pochard in the lake. The Greater Painted-snipe with its beautiful plumage is also found near the lake.

One day our milkman informed us that ‘big birds’ have visited his village Saloora which is 8km away from Bodhan. It was December 2020. I set out to visit the village which really had many surprises for me. I first went to the river Manjeera in the village outskirts which marks the border between Telangana and Maharashtra.

White Wagtail

Little Ringed Plover

On the river bed, I found a couple of White Wagtails and Little Ringed Plovers. Since it was winter, the river was not flowing and it was broken up into small streams with shallow waters, thus harbouring several waders. I saw Common Sandpiper, Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Little Stint, Temminck's Stint, Kentish Plover, Great Thick-knee and Eurasian Spoonbill at the river.

Marsh Sandpiper & Common Redshank

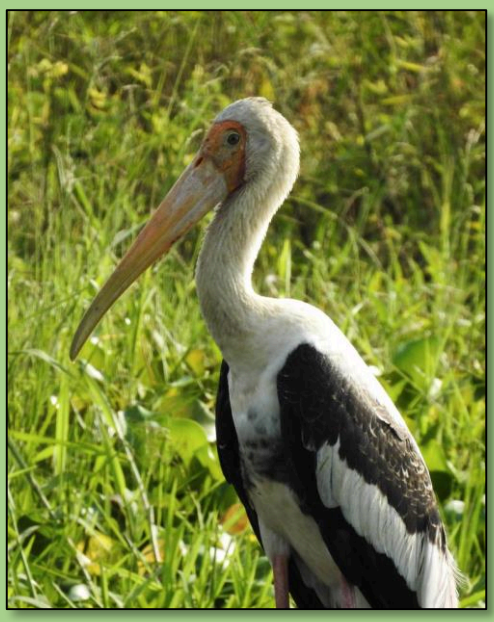
Great Thick-knee

Temminck's Stint

Kentish Plover

My joy knew no bounds when I saw a flock of Bar-headed Geese and Ruddy Shelduck flying in the sky. I really wanted to know where these birds were going. Manjeera is also host to other birds like Lesser Whitethroat, Small Pratincole, Black-winged Stilt, Asian Openbill and Painted Stork.

Lesser Whitethroat



Painted Stork

Asian Openbill

There are at least four lakes in Saloora village. One of the lakes had a very healthy population of Lesser Whistling-duck whose whistling calls resounded all around the place.

Lesser Whistling-duck

There were a few Knob-billed Ducks and several Eurasian Coot. One day, walking near the lake, I found around eight Woolly-necked Storks foraging far away in the agricultural fields. I was so happy to see so many of them. IUCN has downlisted their conservation status to 'Near-threatened' in 2019 from their earlier classification in 2014 as 'Vulnerable'.

Common Teal

Near Saloora is a small village named Fatehpur where there is a small lake. I found several Northern Shovelers, Knob-billed Ducks, Eurasian Coot and a pair of Common Teal. The area around the lake is a good habitat for other species like Baya and Black-breasted Weavers.

Indian Crab

Water Scorpion

Baronet

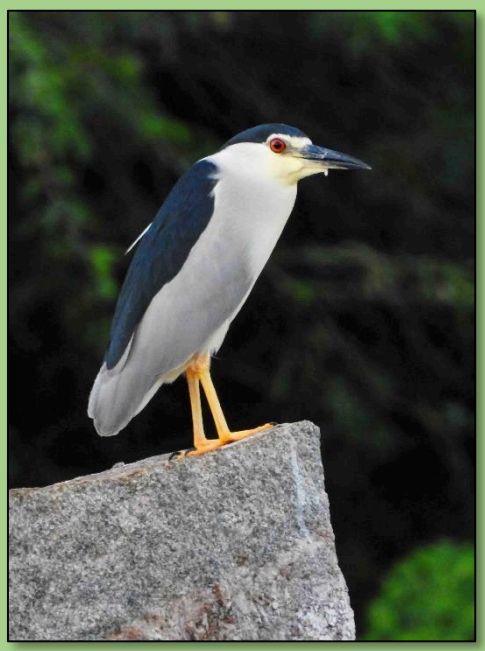
Yellow Orange Tip

After covering waterbodies in Bodhan, Jamlam, Ali Sagar, Saloora, Manjeera, and Fatehpur, I was looking to find more sites to find migratory birds in December 2020. This quest made me discover Pedda Cheruvu in Rudrur town which is about 8km away from Bodhan. What started as a routine birding outing turned out to be such a blessing that I could not have imagined. It was like a fortunate stroke of serendipity.

Mixed flock at Rudrur

The lake in Rudrur offered a jaw-dropping scenery of birds. I had never seen a site like this in my lifetime. The lake was teeming with thousands of waterfowl species!

Northern Pintail



Black-crowned Night Heron

Eurasian Wigeon

There were about four thousand Lesser Whistling-ducks, three hundred Northern Pintail, two hundred Northern Shovelers, a hundred Eurasian Wigeon, Black-tailed Godwit and Black-crowned Night Heron among several others. There were several scores of Indian Pond Heron, Cattle Egret, Wood Sandpiper, Common Pochard, Rosy and Asian Pied Starlings. It was a mesmerising sight to see thousands of diverse birds at one place. I was so ecstatic to have 'discovered' the place. I spent three days straight at the lake soaking in the experience.

Common Pochard

Asian Pied Starling

Indian Grey Mongoose

Greater Flamingo & Black-winged Stilt

I visited the lake again in the summer. The lake shrunk to almost half its size and there were mostly resident bird species. Surprisingly there was a lone Spot-billed Pelican at the lake. In December 2021, I saw a pair of Greater Flamingos too.

Greylag Goose

In January 2022, on a routine birding trip to Rudrur, I was surprised to find a flock of Greylag Geese. There were more than 30 birds on one of the 'islands' of the lake. I immediately shared this finding with the Deccan Birders fraternity, who were overjoyed to hear this. The very next day Guru and Sathwik joined me at the lake. We also found eight Bar-headed Geese alongside 39 Greylag Geese. A soaring Peregrine Falcon was another highlight of the day.

River Tern

The lake is a roosting site for several species. As darkness approaches, big flocks of species like Whiskered and River Terns, Glossy Ibis and Cattle Egret start arriving at the lake for roosting.

Common Picture Wing

I was told by the locals that the Gram Panchayat has passed a resolution to protect the birds at the lake and that there will be a fine against anyone harming the birds. In my visits, I have not found any significant threat to the species. However, it is important to conserve the habitat to guard against any future threats. Rudrur's Pedda Cheruvu deserves immediate legal protection.

Blackbuck pair

Black-winged Kite

There were many other high points of my hiking experiences, like watching Blackbuck (*Antilope cervicapra*) and the Indian Fox (*Vulpes bengalensis*) at Chinnayanam in Nandipet Mandal, observing the Black-winged Kite devouring a rodent, a Checkered Keelback (*Fowlea piscator*) hunting fishes, Indian Monitor (*Varanus bengalensis*) foraging in the undergrowth at Ali Sagar, thousands of fishes captured by fishermen at Ambam Cheruvu and the most recent finding of several Spot-billed Pelicans near Bodhan. The pursuit of birdwatching has always been quite rewarding.

Checkered Keelback with fish

Spot-billed Pelican

Wasp Moth

Sri Lankan Bullfrog

Common Tree Frog

The major threat to biodiversity continues to be the loss of habitat, because of which species are declining. Poaching remains another concern. I have also observed a significant increase in feral dog populations which actively hunt birds, especially the ground-dwelling ones. These threats have to be addressed with earnestness. With sufficient documentation, the next step should be towards conservation of species and their habitats. I am looking forward to working on this front in the future.

The following is the list of various taxa spotted in this two-year period:

LIST OF BIRDS					
Sl No	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**	**Sl No**	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**
1	Little Egret	*Egretta garzetta*	52	Oriental Skylark	*Alauda gulgula*
2	Great Egret	*Egretta alba*	53	Dusky Crag Martin	*Ptyonoprogne concolor*
3	Intermediate Egret	*Egretta intermedia*	54	Wire-tailed Swallow	*Hirundo smithii*
4	Grey Heron	*Ardea cinerea*	55	Streak-throated Swallow	*Hirundo fluvicola*
5	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	56	White-browed Wagtail	*Motacilla maderaspatensis*
6	Indian Pond Heron	*Ardeola grayii*	57	Paddyfield Pipit	*Anthus rufulus*
7	Black-crowned Night Heron	*Nycticorax nycticorax*	58	Red-vented Bulbul	*Pycnonotus cafer*
8	Woolly-necked Stork	*Ciconia episcopus*	59	White-browed Bulbul	*Pycnonotus luteolus*
9	Glossy Ibis	*Plegadis falcinellus*	60	Common Iora	*Aegithina tiphia*
10	Black-headed Ibis	*Threskiornis melanocephalus*	61	Oriental Magpie Robin	*Copsychus saularis*
11	Indian Black Ibis	*Pseudibis papillosa*	62	Indian Robin	*Saxicoloides fulicatus*
12	Indian Spot-billed Duck	*Anas poecilorhyncha*	63	Pied Bushchat	*Saxicola caprata bicolor*
13	Black Kite	*Milvus migrans*	64	Tawny-bellied Babbler	*Dumetia hyperythra*
14	Brahminy Kite	*Haliastur indus*	65	Yellow-billed Babbler	*Turdoides affinis*
15	Indian Shikra	*Accipiter badius*	66	Ashy Prinia	*Prinia socialis*
16	Grey Francolin	*Francolinus pondicerianus*	67	Jungle Prinia	*Prinia sylvatica*
17	Rock Bush Quail	*Perdicula argoondah*	68	Plain Prinia	*Prinia inornata*
18	Indian Peafowl	*Pavo cristatus*	69	Common Tailorbird	*Orthotomus sutorius*
19	Barred Buttonquail	*Turnix suscitator*	70	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	*Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*
20	White-breasted Waterhen	*Amaurornis phoenicurus*	71	Purple-rumped Sunbird	*Leptocoma zeylonica*
21	Grey-headed Swamphen	*Porphyrio porphyrio*	72	Purple Sunbird	*Cinnyris asiaticus*
22	Brown Crake	*Amaurornis akool*	73	Red Avadavat	*Amandava amandava*
23	Ruddy-breasted Crake	*Porzana fusca*	74	Indian Silverbill	*Euodice malabarica*
24	Indian Roller	*Coracias benghalensis*	75	Scaly-breasted Munia	*Lonchura punctulata*
25	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	*Hydrophasianus chirurgus*	76	Tricoloured Munia	*Lonchura malacca*
26	Bronze-winged Jacana	*Metopidius indicus*	77	House Sparrow	*Passer domesticus*
27	Red-wattled Lapwing	*Vanellus indicus*	78	Black-breasted Weaver	*Ploceus benghalensis*
28	Black-winged Stilt	*Himantopus himantopus*	79	Streaked Weaver	*Ploceus manyar*
29	River Tern	*Sterna aurantia*	80	Baya Weaver	*Ploceus philippinus*
30	Rock Pigeon	*Columba livia*	81	Brahminy Starling	*Temenuchus pagodarum*
31	Laughing Dove	*Streptopelia senegalensis*	82	Asian Pied Starling	*Gracupica contra*
32	Spotted Dove	*Streptopelia chinensis*	83	Common Myna	*Acridotheres tristis*
33	Eurasian Collared Dove	*Streptopelia decaocto*	84	Indian Golden Oriole	*Oriolus kundoo*
34	Rose-ringed Parakeet	*Psittacula krameri*	85	Black Drongo	*Dicrurus macrocercus*
35	Plum-headed Parakeet	*Psittacula cyanocephala*	86	House Crow	*Corvus splendens*
36	Southern Coucal	*Centropus sinensis*	87	Yellow Bittern	*Ixobrychus sinensis*
37	Blue-faced Malkoha	*Phaenicophaeus viridirostris*	88	Cinnamon Bittern	*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*
38	Jacobin Cuckoo	*Clamator jacobinus*	89	Watercock	*Gallicrex cinerea*
39	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	*Cacomantis passerinus*	90	Oriental Darter	*Anhinga melanogaster*
40	Common Hawk Cuckoo	*Hierococcyx variu*	91	Little Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax niger*
41	Indian Nightjar	*Caprimulgus asiaticus*	92	Large Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax carbo*
42	Asian Palm Wwift	*Cypsiurus balasiensis*	93	Eastern Cattle Egret	*Bubulcus coromandus*
43	Little Swift	*Apus affinis*	94	Lesser Whistling-duck	*Dendrocygna javanica*
44	Common Kingfisher	*Alcedo atthis*	95	Asian Koel	*Eudynamys scolopaceus*
45	White-breasted Kingfisher	*Halcyon smyrnensis*	96	Yellow-eyed Babbler	*Chrysomma sinense*
46	Green Bee-eater	*Merops orientalis*	97	Black-winged Kite	*Elanus caeruleus*
47	Common Hoopoe	*Upupa epops*	98	Spotted Owlet	*Athene brama*
48	Indian Grey Hornbill	*Tockus birostris*	99	Black Bittern	*Ixobrychus flavicollis*
49	Coppersmith Barbet	*Megalaima haemacephala*	100	Barn Owl	*Tyto alba*
50	Indian Bushlark	*Mirafra erythroptera*	101	Painted Francolin	*Francolinus pictus*
51	Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark	*Eremopterix griseus*	102	Large Grey Babbler	*Argya malcolmi*

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103	Little Grebe	*Tachybaptus ruficollis*	145	Eurasian Spoonbill	*Platalea leucorodia*
104	Asian Openbill	*Anastomus oscitans*	146	Indian Paradise-flycatcher	*Terpsiphone paradisi*
105	Painted Stork	*Mycteria leucocephala*	147	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	*Cyornis tickelliae*
106	Pied Kingfisher	*Ceryle rudis*	148	Fulvous Whistling-duck	*Dendrocygna bicolor*
107	Chestnut-tailed Starling	*Sturnia malabarica*	149	Comb Duck	*Sarkidiornis melanotos*
108	Cotton Pygmy Goose	*Nettapus coromandelianus*	150	Black-tailed Godwit	*Limosa limosa*
109	Bay-backed Shrike	*Lanius vittatus*	151	Ruddy Shelduck	*Tadorna ferruginea*
110	Long-tailed Shrike	*Lanius schach*	152	Common Snipe	*Gallinago gallinago*
111	Brown Shrike	*Lanius cristatus*	153	Greater Painted-snipe	*Rostratula benghalensis*
112	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	*Treron phoenicoptera*	154	White-naped Woodpecker	*Chrysocolaptes festivus*
113	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	*Treron bicinctus*	155	Whiskered Tern	*Chlidonias hybrida*
114	Rosy Starling	*Pastor roseus*	156	Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus*
115	Greater Flamingo	*Phoenicopterus roseus*	157	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	*Circus aeruginosus*
116	Rufous Treepie	*Dendrocitta vagabunda*	158	Steppe Eagle	*Aquila nipalensis*
117	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	*Coracina melanoptera*	159	Grey Wagtail	*Motacilla cinerea*
118	Grey-breasted Prinia	*Prinia hodgsonii*	160	Western Yellow Wagtail	*Motacilla flava*
119	Black Redstart	*Phoenicurus ochruros*	161	White Wagtail	*Motacilla alba*
120	Marsh Sandpiper	*Tringa stagnatilis*	162	Tree Pipit	*Anthus trivialis*
121	Wood Sandpiper	*Tringa glareola*	163	Lesser Whitethroat	*Sylvia curruca*
122	Common Sandpiper	*Actitis hypoleucos*	164	Blyth's Reed Warbler	*Acrocephalus dumetorum*
123	Common Redshank	*Tringa totanus*	165	Booted Warbler	*Iduna caligata*
124	Spotted Redshank	*Tringa erythropus*	166	Clamorous Reed Warbler	*Acrocephalus stentoreus*
125	Common Greenshank	*Tringa nebularia*	167	Zitting Cisticola	*Cisticola juncidis*
126	Little Stint	*Calidris minuta*	168	Siberian Stonechat	*Saxicola maurus*
127	Temminck's Stint	*Calidris temminckii*	169	Bluethroat	*Luscinia svecica*
128	Ruff	*Calidris pugnax*	170	Red Collared Dove	*Streptopelia tranquebarica*
129	Little Ringed Plover	*Charadrius dubius*	171	Rufous-tailed Lark	*Ammomanes phoenicura*
130	Kentish Plover	*Charadrius alexandrinus*	172	Red-rumped Swallow	*Cecropis daurica*
131	Great Thick-knee	*Esacus recurvirostris*	173	Barn Swallow	*Hirundo rustica*
132	Common Moorhen	*Gallinula chloropus*	174	Small Minivet	*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*
133	Eurasian Coot	*Fulica atra*	175	Small Pratincole	*Glareola lactea*
134	Jungle Babbler	*Turdoides striata*	176	Collared Pratincole	*Glareola pratincola*
135	Bar-headed Goose	*Anser indicus*	177	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	*Gymnoris xanthocollis*
136	Greylag Goose	*Anser anser*	178	Red-headed Bunting	*Emberiza bruniceps*
137	Common Pochard	*Aythya ferina*	179	Black-headed Bunting	*Emberiza melanocephala*
138	Red-crested Pochard	*Netta rufina*	180	Common Rosefinch	*Carpodacus erythrinus*
139	Eurasian Wigeon	*Mareca penelope*	181	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	*Vanellus malabaricus*
140	Northern Pintail	*Anas acuta*	182	Indian Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*
141	Northern Shoveler	*Spatula clypeata*	183	Green Sandpiper	*Tringa ochropus*
142	Gadwall	*Mareca strepera*	184	Indian White-eye	*Zosterops palpebrosus*
143	Garganey	*Spatula querquedula*	185	Common Teal	*Anas crecca*
144	Spot-billed Pelican	*Pelecanus philippensis*			

List of Mammals					
Sl No	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**	**Sl No**	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**
1	Blackbuck	*Antilope cervicapra*	4	Wild Boar	*Sus scrofa cristatus*
2	Indian Fox	*Vulpes bengalensis*	5	Rhesus Macaque	*Macaca mulatta*
3	Jungle Cat	*Felis chaus*	6	Indian Grey Mongoose	*Urva edwardsii*

List of Butterflies					
Sl No	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**	**Sl No**	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**
1	Common Jezebel	*Delias eucharis*	13	Common Wanderer	*Pareronia valeria*
2	Plain Tiger	*Danaus chrysippus*	14	Common Gull	*Cepora nerissa*
3	Common Crow	*Euploea core*	15	Yellow Orange Tip	*Ixias pyrene*
4	Crimson Rose	*Pachliopta hector*	16	Common Grass Yellow	*Eurema hecabe*
5	Crimson Tip	*Colotis danae*	17	Lemon Pansy	*Junonia lemonias*
6	Lime Butterfly	*Papilio demoleus*	18	Pale Grass Blue	*Pseudozizeeria maha*
7	Orange Tip	*Anthocharis cardamines*	19	Common Evening Brown	*Melanitis leda*
8	Peacock Pansy	*Junonia almana*	20	White Orange Tip	*Ixias marianne*
9	Tawny Coster	*Acraea terpsicore*	21	Lemon Emigrant	*Catopsilia pomona*
10	Common Picturewing	*Rhyothemis variegata*	22	Grey Pansy	*Junonia atlites*
11	Baronet	*Euthalia nais*	23	Pioneer	*Belenois aurota*
12	Great Eggfly	*Hypolimnas bolina*	24	Common Rose	*Pachliopta aristolochiae*

List of Reptiles					
Sl No	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**	**Sl No**	**Species Name**	**Scientific Name**
1	Oriental Garden Lizard	*Calotes versicolor*	7	Indian Cobra	*Naja naja*
2	Fan-throated Lizard	*Sitana ponticeriana*	8	Common Sand Boa	*Eryx conicus*
3	Rat Snake	*Ptyas mucosa*	9	Indian Wolf Snake	*Lycodon aulicus*
4	Checkered Keelback	*Fowlea piscator*	10	Common Indian Monitor	*Varanus bengalensis*
5	Buff-striped Keelback	*Amphiesma stolatum*	11	Keeled Indian Mabuya	*Eutropis carinata*
6	Common Bronzeback Tree Snake	*Dendrelaphis tristis*			

Some other photographs taken during this period:

Bluethroat

Tree Pipit

Spotted Owlet

Barred Buttonquail

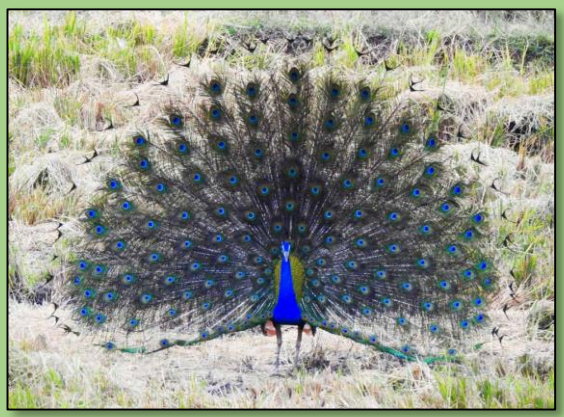
Jacobin Cuckoo

Yellow-eyed Babbler

Indian Roller

Shikra

Red-rumped Swallow

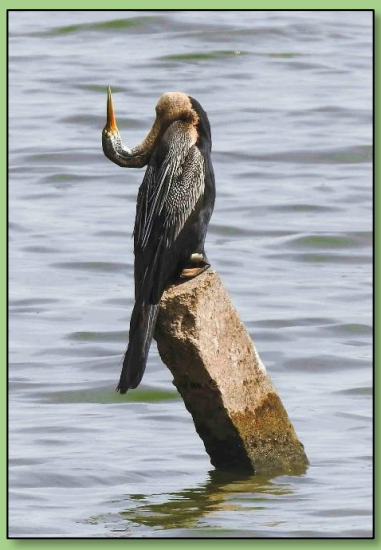


Indian Peafowl male displaying

Indian Pond Heron

Common Hoopoe

Brown Crake



Darter

Pied Kingfisher

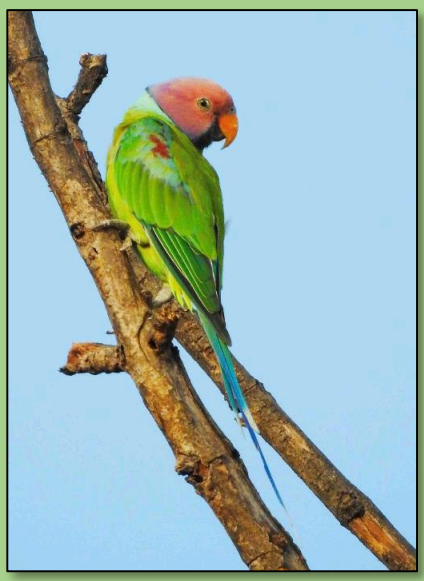
White-throated Kingfisher

Rufous-tailed Lark

Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark

Spotted Redshank

Common Redshank



Plum-headed Parakeet male

Little Cormorant

Green Bee-eater

Tawny Coster

Lemon Emigrant

Pioneer

Peacock Pansy

Common Evening Brown

Common Rose

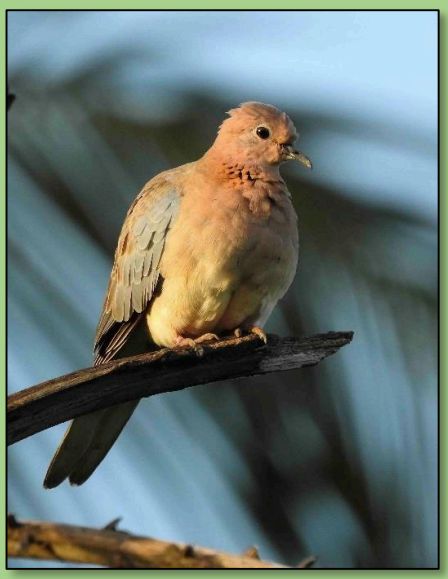
Common Wanderer

Lemon Pansy

Grey Pansy

Oriental Magpie Robin male

Grey-bellied Cuckoo



Laughing Dove

Common Iora

Asian Koel female

Cinnamon Bittern

Black Bittern

Pied Bushchat male adult

Pied Bushchat juvenile

Fulvous Whistling-duck

Coppersmith Barbet

Grey Francolin

Purple-rumped Sunbird male

Great Egret

Brahminy Kite

Black-headed Ibis immature

White-breasted Waterhen

Purple Heron

A winter morning at Bodhan

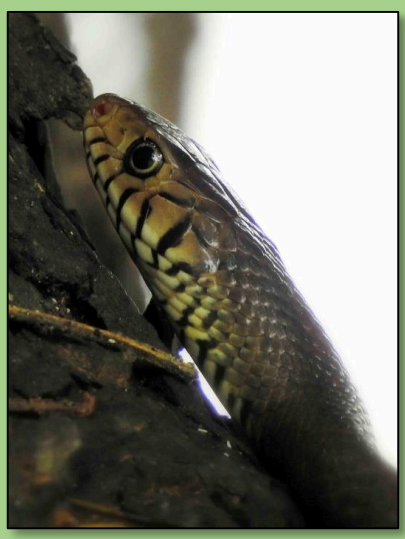
Jungle Cat

Indian Palm Squirrel

Checkered Keelback

Great Eggfly

Lime Butterfly



Rat Snake

White Orange Tip

Rhesus Macaque

Western Yellow Wagtail

Yellow Bittern

Black-breasted Weaver

Ruddy-breasted Crake & Wood Sandpiper

Rose-ringed Parakeet

Zitting Cisticola

Baya Weaver

Eurasian Marsh Harrier

Eurasian Collared Dove

A sunset at Bodhan

Red-wattled Lapwing

Common Gull

Plain Tiger

Western Reef Egret & Cattle Egret

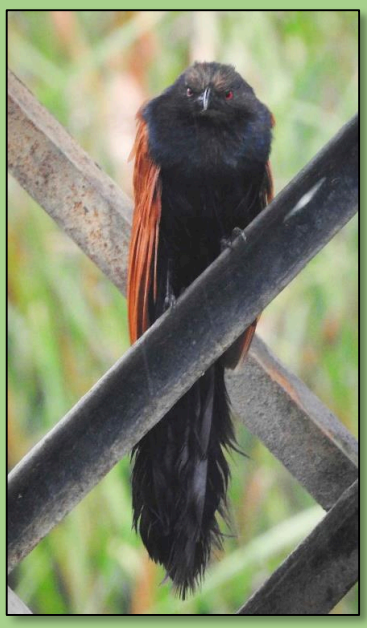
Streak-throated Swallow

Black Kite

Northern Shoveler

Clamorous Reed Warbler

Black Drongo



Southern Coucal

Red-vented Bulbul

Yellow-billed Babbler

Little Grebe

House Sparrow dust-bathing

Paddyfield Pipit

Spot-billed Duck

Common Sandpiper

Grey Heron

Scaly-breasted Munia

Common Kingfisher

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